

The Danger of Disbelief

Hebrews 3:1-19

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, ² who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house. ³ For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God. ⁵ And Moses indeed *was faithful* in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*, ⁶ but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.



⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:

“Today, if you will hear His voice,

⁸ *Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
In the day of trial in the wilderness,*

⁹ *Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me,
And saw My works forty years.*

¹⁰ *Therefore I was angry with that generation,
And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart,
And they have not known My ways.’*

¹¹ *So I swore in My wrath,
‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ”*

¹² Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called *“Today,”* lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, ¹⁵ while it is said:

“Today, if you will hear His voice,

Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

¹⁶ For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, *was it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses? ¹⁷ Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? ¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

1. How does the writer of Hebrews refer to the believers in Chapter 2?

2. Given how the writer of Hebrews refers to believers in Chapter 2, why does he call them holy brethren in chapter 3 verse 1 (see chapter 2:10-12)?

3. How does the writer of Hebrews refer to Jesus in chapter 3:1 (see also 2:17-18)?

4. Read Numbers 12: 1-16. In what incident does God refer to Moses as being faithful in all His house? What does the writer mean by a house?

5. How does he compare Jesus to Moses in verse 2-6?

6. How does the writer of Hebrews refer to believers in verse 6?

7. Hebrews 3:7b – 11 is a quote from Psalm 95:7b-11, which refers to the rebellion of Exodus 17:1-7. What was the rebellion? How were the people rebellious? How did the inclusion of this passage in Hebrews 3:7, 3:15, and 4:7 tell us about how God feels about this kind of rebellion?

8. What does the author warn us NOT to do? What does he warn us that we SHOULD do?

9. What was the rebellion and sin in verse 16-17 (see Numbers 14:2-19) How did Moses deal with it and what can we learn from Moses?

10. According to chapter 3 verse 19, what is the cause of rebellion?
